

over the course of 22 hours, 613 civilian lives were lost. Innocent children, women and elderly men were brutally murdered.

Since this tragedy took place in the early 1990's, Azerbaijan has worked to heal and become a successful country, with a booming economy. As a result, the economy of Azerbaijan is the fastest growing among the CIS states. In the turbulent geopolitical region, Azerbaijan is a reliable partner of the United States. Moreover, Azerbaijan is a close ally and trade partner with another strong American ally—Israel—in the region.

Mr. Speaker, we must stand close by our allies. That is why I urge my colleagues to recognize the human tragedy that occurred in Azerbaijan 23 years ago. Please, join me and all of our Azerbaijani friends in commemorating the lives lost during the Khojaly massacre.

CONGRATULATIONS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA FOR ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the League of Women Voters of the San Bernardino Area celebrating its 60th year anniversary.

Irmagard Blum, Margaret Chandler, Sibyl Disch, Joan Fallert, Jane Hall, Sally Hartley, Jerry Keller, Jane Koterm, Ruth Kekkonen, Gerry Pico, Jackie Russler, and Nancy Smith founded the League of Women Voters of San Bernardino on March 17, 1955. The League of Women Voters of San Bernardino objective is to promote political participation amongst citizens, especially women, without partisan bias. The League of Women voters of San Bernardino continue their commitment to support political action and advocacy. For its past 60 years, this organization has committed over six decades to support local services for voters, from registration, serving as a witness, and partake in other acts to ensure citizen participation in and oversight of the election process.

The League of Women Voters in San Bernardino Area educates citizens on issues and candidates, supports voter registration, and encourages citizens to create and implement positive policy in Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ANDREW MARSHALL

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Andrew Marshall, the recently retired Director of the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment, and the more than 41 years of distinguished and dedicated service that he has rendered to his office and his country. Always one to avoid the limelight and shun the recognition he deserves, Mr. Marshall has quietly but ably served twelve different Secretaries of

Defense and been appointed and reappointed to his long-held position by no fewer than eight U.S. Presidents—Republican and Democrat alike. His accomplishments as a practitioner and proponent of net assessment and truly strategic thinking have shaped U.S. policy for decades and changed the way that generations of strategists and policymakers thought—and will continue to think—about defense. He has my thanks and those of a grateful nation.

PATRICK SULLIVAN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick Sullivan, Rio Grande County's Road and Bridge Supervisor and the 2014 recipient of the Colorado Association of Road Supervisors and Engineers Supervisor of the Year Award.

In addition to his 35 years with Rio Grande County, the glowing letters of recommendation he received from his community speak to Mr. Sullivan's dedication. In addition to his duties as Road and Bridge Supervisor, he also serves as assistant fire chief for the Monte Vista Fire Department. He received recommendations from the Colorado State Patrol and the SLV Hazardous Substance Board, who both emphasized his unflagging devotion to Rio Grande County.

According to his coworkers, Mr. Sullivan goes above and beyond, and performs his duties with a commitment to excellence and dedication to his team. Their recommendations and the nomination speak to the mutual commitment he and his team has to public safety and their community. For Mr. Sullivan, his duties are more than a job; they are a way to serve and strengthen his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Patrick Sullivan. He is not only a hard working civil servant but a dedicated husband and father. His contributions have and will continue to make Rio Grande County a great place to live for those who call it home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 84–85 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on #84 and yes on #85.

IN RECOGNITION OF KYLEE MCCUMBER

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the founder of Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz, Inc., Kylee McCumber. Cur-

rently a 7th grader at Sky View Middle School in Leominster, Massachusetts, Kylee is an exceptional young activist who began this non-profit organization at the age of 10 to help food insecure children in her school.

In 2012, Kylee recognized that there were children going hungry on the weekends because they didn't have enough food to eat. Kylee started out with a goal to help 10 children per week by providing them with a "kare kit" of non-perishable food items to take home over the weekend. Today, Kylee, along with the help of her family and fellow classmates have been providing "kare kits" of non-perishable food items to over 200 students every Friday.

Last fall, as part of the Unilever Project Sunlight program, Kylee traveled to Mumbai, India to film a commercial to raise awareness about child hunger. In the commercial Kylee states, "The enemy is hunger—not the hungry." When asked why she does what she does, she simply states "It is better to give than receive and I receive so much more than what I give. It is so important to be grateful for all we have and pay it forward when we can." The work that Kylee is doing to end hunger is truly inspirational. She is a leader and role model. I am proud to represent Kylee, and I thank Kylee for her extraordinary service to the City of Leominster. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in paying tribute to this remarkable young woman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on February 24, 2015 I was unable to be present and missed the following votes:

On Roll Call vote 84, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, As Amended, H.R. 212, the Drinking Water Protection Act, I would have voted Yes.

On Roll Call Vote 85, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass H.R. 734, the FCC Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015, I would have voted Yes.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. TERRY WAGONER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Terry Wagoner of Royal Oak, Michigan, on her retirement from William Beaumont Hospital after 44 years of dedicated service as a Registered Nurse.

Mrs. Wagoner began her nursing career at Beaumont after graduating from Grace Nursing School in Detroit, Michigan, in 1970. Her time at Beaumont spanned the hospital's growth from a community hospital to one of the nation's leading hospitals.

Predominantly working with medical and geriatric patients throughout her career, Mrs. Wagoner's kindness and compassion have